Changes Recommended by Medical Council in Medical Education

1148. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are cosnidering to bring changes in the Medical Education; and

(b) whether the Indian Medical Council has recommended to Governemnt new regulations for establishing the Medical Colleges; if so, what are the main changes recommended by them over the existing regulations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI DALIT EZHILMALAI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Medical council of India has recommended changes in the existing regulation on Establishment of new medical colleges. The main changes proposed by the M.C.I. in the existing regulations are given in the Annexed statement. The modifications proposed by M.C.I. have been finalised with such modifications as considered appropriate by the Government.

Wonder Cure Antineoplastin

1149. SHRI R. MARGABANDHU: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item appeared in Economic Times (Chennai Edition) dated 20th January, 1999 about the wonder cure ANTINEOPLASTIN, developed by a Scientist Professor, who is the Head of the Department of Science and Bio-technology, Jadavpur University, Calcutta, West Bengal;

(b) if so, the salient features of the discovery;

(c) whether any request has been received by Government from the University for support; and

(d) at which stage this new drug stands, before approval by the Directorate of Drugs Control, for public utilisation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI DALIT EZHILMALAI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (d) The Durg Controller General of India has stated that there is no application for registration of this new drug or registration for new use, if it is an old drug.

(c) As per information received from the Ministry of Science & Technology and the Indian Council of Medical Research, they have not received any request for supporting the above research project.

Opening of More Ayurvedic And Homoeopathic Units of CGHS in Delhi

1150. SHRI JOYANTA ROY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of steps being taken by Government to promote and expand Ayurvedic and Homoeopathic system of medicine in CGHS, Delhi;

(b) whether there is any proposal to open more CGHS Units of Ayurvedic and Homoeopathic systems of treatment in Delhi and New Delhi; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and by when such units are likely to be opened to give relief to the present unsatisfactory functioning of CGHS Allopathic Dispensaries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI DALIT EZHILMALAI): (a) to (c) Proposals for opening more Homeopathic Ayurvedic units under CGHS Delhi have been include under the Ninth Five Year Plan which is yet under consideration. Such proposals could not be considered earlier due to resource constraints.